THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) and (b) It is not mandatory to go for online internet registration for submission of passport applications in all passport offices in India, except in Mumbai where it has been started on an experimental basis from March 2005. However, in Regional Passport Office, Mumbai, even after internet registration, applicants do have the choice to submit their applications on a day other than the specified date. Online internet registration is also not necessary if application is submitted through any of the District passport Centres in Mumbai.

(c) and (d) The facility to do online registration has been provided within the office premises of Regional Passport Office in Mumbai. The registration is done free of cost; and it takes around 50 days to issue a fresh passport.

Cross Border Terrorism

3173. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the extent to which the cross-border terrorism disrupted the peace talks between Indian and Pakistan;

(b) whether Government have detected any terrorist camps on the border line of India and Pakistan and the number of intruders arrested and detained in prison at present; and

(c) the present stage of peace talks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) to (c) Government are aware of the existence of a number of terrorist training camps in Pakistan and PoK. There has been a spurt in the level of infiltration across the Line of Control (LoC) in June-July 2005. In 2005 (till July), in Jammu & Kashmir, 37 infiltration bids were foiled and 127 terrorists killed in foiled infiltration bids.

The Government has, in its interaction with Pakistan at all levels, continuously stressed the fact that Pakistan has so far not taken any significant action to dismantle the infrastructure of support to terrorism, such as communications, launching pads, training camps and funding.

Government is monitoring the situation very closely, and has made it clear to Pakistan that the premise on which the present dialogue process

is based is the commitment of January 6, 2004 by Pakistan not to permit any territory under Pakistan's control to be used to support terrorism in any manner. In the Joint Statement made during the visit of President Musharraf on April 18, 2005, both countries reaffirmed the commitments made in the Joint Press Statement of January 6, 2004.

Significant developments have taken place in India-Pakistan relations since April 2003 when India extended the hand of friendship to Pakistan. Relations, which were disrupted after the attack on Parliament on December 13, 2001, have been restored at the level of High Commissioners and transport and communication links have resumed. After the January 6, 2004 commitment of President Musharraf not to permit the territory under Pakistan's control to be used to support terrorism in any manner, the Composite Dialogue process was resumed and people to people contact increased, giving a new impetus and dimension to our relations. Besides, the ceasefire along the LoC, International Border and AGPL (Siachen) which came into effect on November 25, 2003 has held (with some exceptions). The first round of the Composite Dialogue on the eight issues — Siachen, Sir Creek, Tulbal Navigation Project, Terrorism and Drug Trafficking, Economic and Commercial Cooperation, Promotion of Friendly Exchanges, Peace and Security, including CBMs and Jammu and Kashmir took place from June—August, 2004. The second round of Composite Dialogue Talks has been initiated by the Foreign Secretaries' meeting in December 2004 and is currently in progress.

Infiltration into Indian Territory

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SHRI BALVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:
SHRI RUDRANARAYAN PANY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Peoples Liberation Army of China have infiltrated into Indian territory, recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.